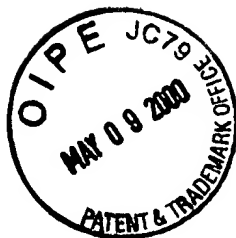


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For: METHODS FOR FORMING/RECORDING IMAGE
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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of April 4, 2000. That Office Action held the amendments filed on January 24, March 2 and March 27, 2000 to be non-responsive since the claims present after such amendments "are not readable on the elected invention". In the April 4, 2000 Office Action, the Examiner lists what he considers to be five (5) embodiments of inventions.

To place the matter in perspective, the application was filed on December 22, 1997. The first Office Action in the application was September 23, 1999. There was no requirement in the application for restriction or election of species. On January 24, 2000 an amendment was filed in response to the September 23, 1999 Office Action. The latter two amendments listed in the paragraph above were supplements to the January 24, 2000 amendment.

At no time during the prosecution of the application has there been any requirement for restriction or election of species. Therefore, the basis for holding the three amendments to be non-responsive as not being directed to an elected invention has no basis.

Although it is not necessary to demonstrate this, applicant respectfully submits that the new claims are directed to an invention disclosed and originally claimed in the application. This is explained below.

The original application had claims directed to an invention for forming/recording an image by scanning constituent plane fragments (blocks) of an image plane (this can be done either in a serial or parallel manner). The Examiner examined all the originally filed claims.

The following table details the correspondence between originally filed claims (OFC) and amended claims (AC) (bold type numbers are for independent claims). The table shows that all the essential AC already contained features set forth in the OFC and insert no new matter.

| ORIGINALLY FILED CLAIMS (OFC) | AMENDED CLAIMS (AC) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 + 2 + 3 | 25 |
| 4 | 26 |
| 8 | 27 |
| 9 | 28 |
| - | 29 dependent from claim 28 |
| 19 | 30 |
| - | 31 dependent from claim 30 |
| 20, 23 | 32 |
| 24 | 33 |
| 21 | 34 |
| - | 35 dependent from claim 34 |
| - | 36 dependent from claim 34 |
| - | 37 |

For example, in the September 23, 1999 Office Action, claims 1-3 were rejected as being anticipated by Furness, et al. and Pu, et al. Claim 1 describes a system for forming an image by plane fragments (blocks), claim 2 recites details of the construction of the deflecting system as an image multiplying matrix that multiplies the information formed on the screen for parallel image forming. Claim 3 adds to the device a space-time modulator (for modulating multiplied information in accordance

with the image formed). Thus, OFC 1+2+3 correspond to AC 25. Similar correspondence can be developed for other listed claims.

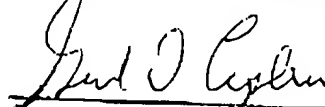
Accordingly, the foregoing amply demonstrates that applicant has not switched the invention as set forth in the claims now on file from those originally presented.

As to the drawings, a new set of drawings was submitted with the amendment of January 24, 2000. As the Examiner noted in the Office Action of September 23, 1999, the wrong set of drawings was inadvertently filed with the original application. As requested by the Examiner, the correct drawings were filed with the amendment dated January 24, 2000.

The foregoing responds to the outstanding Office Action.

Prompt and favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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